

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 30 Nov - 4 Dec - 3 Way Conferences
- ◆ 4 December - Supersport Athletics
- ◆ 9 - 11 December - LIS School Production 7.30pm
- ◆ 15 December - Year 8 Social
- ◆ 17 December - Year 8 Graduation
- ◆ 18 December - School finishes 12.00pm

Events updated daily
on our website
calendar

Kia ora koutou

This newsletter was delayed because we had two syndicates out of the school on Friday. Isn't it strange how the days disappear so quickly at this time of the year? It is a particularly busy time for teachers as they complete student assessments, prepare for 3-way conferences, meet with the college Deans and organise the end of year activities and summary reports. Plus allowing for production practices, whew!

3-way Conferences are being held this week and appointments can be made through the office. Students will be referring to their portfolios and Year 8 students will be able to take them home after the conference. Year 7 student portfolios will be kept at school for next year's class teacher to add to. End of year summary reports will be distributed on the last day of school (Friday 18th at 12.00pm) by the class teachers along with the final technology report.

The **Year 8 Social** is on Tuesday 15th and everyone (including staff) has been practising the folk dance steps for the night. The theme this year is "*Glow 'N Glitter*". We have installed our new sound system into the hall for use on the night by our world famous DJ's. Tickets will go on sale later this week.

I can only emphasise that this is not like a college formal where students spend outrageous amounts on clothes and hair and arrive in all sorts of exotic vehicles. That is not appropriate for a Year 8 function, no matter what your child says to you. Because of health and safety requirements, we do not allow vehicles into the grounds so students are dropped off and collected from the road outside.

Year 8 Graduation will be held on Thursday 17th in the Horowhenua College Hall from 7 – 8pm. All Year 8 students currently enrolled with us will receive their graduation certificate on the night and the school prizes will be awarded. We have made some changes to our prize giving which better reflects what we value most in our school.

Technicraft and Arts medals will be awarded to students who have excelled in those areas, with one student selected to receive *Rowena Cole Cup* for overall achievement in developing their practical skills.

Students who have excelled in the fields of music, dance, drama and art will receive medals and one of them will be awarded the *Barbara Grout Cup* for excellence in the performing arts.

Sports medals will be awarded to students who have achieved excellence in their chosen fields. One of them will be selected as the Sportsperson of the year and have their name recorded on our school shield to be kept on display in the school foyer.

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Medals will be awarded to the student from each class who has demonstrated effort in all things, and is determined, industrious, courageous and tenacious (*Kia Kaha*) and for being focussed, analytical, diligent, inquisitive and using knowledge effectively (*Matauranga*).

Our top prize is the *Tu Tangata* shield which is awarded to the student who best exhibits elements of the *Kia Kaha* and *Matauranga* awards and who shows leadership by example, self management, compassion, honesty and is involved in our school life. The winner is chosen from a number of students nominated by all the teachers. Each of the nominees will also receive a medal acknowledging their achievement.

Choosing who should receive the top awards is not an exact science. By increasing the number of categories and medals awarded we aim to recognise the students who were seriously considered for a top award without ranking them second and third (or as Jerry Sienfeld says, first and second losers).

Naku noa

Trevor Jeffries
Principal

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our School production, *Cindy & Her Fella*, will be held on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December at 7.30pm in our school hall. Tickets will be available at the school office from Wednesday 4th December. Students involved in the Production will bring a notice home with more information.

ENROLMENTS 2010

If you have a Year 8 student please ensure that they have enrolled at a College for 2010.

We are accepting enrolments for next year. Enrolment packs are available from the School office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

- ◆ **St Mary's Scout Troop** meets on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 9pm. All boys and girls aged 10 to 14 years can take part. They meet at St Mary's hall, 3 Manchester Street, Levin. New members are always welcome. Contact Barry a/h on 367-8487 for more information.
- ◆ **Levin-Waitarere Surf Life Saving Junior Surf Programme** - Nippers 7-10 years, Juniors 11-13 years - parent involvement is strongly encouraged - January 12 to January 28 - Nippers Tues, Wed, Thurs, 10.00am to 12.00pm & Juniors Tues, Wed, Thurs 1.30 to 4.00pm. All groups traditionally meet on Sundays during the surf lifesaving season. Cost is \$40 plus \$25 rental fee for club rashie and hat (\$20 is refundable at the end of season when uniform is returned). Registration will be held on Sunday 13 December at 3.00pm at the Levin Waitarere Surf Lifesaving Clubroom. Contact Blossom at blossomneece@yahoo.com or 367-3063.



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